

## IN THIS ISSUE

With the Palestinian *intifada* (uprising) already 18 months long and showing no signs of dissipating, Helena Cobban's critical analysis of the U.S.-Israeli relationship during the Reagan presidency is both timely and instructive. She illuminates clearly the formal and informal efforts to establish a strategic cooperation agreement, the motives and expectations of both sides, and the problems and frustrations they encountered. The gradual erosion of the relationship, culminating in the American decision in December 1988 to initiate talks with the PLO, calls into question whether the United States received any lasting benefit from its substantial political and financial investment in strategic cooperation with Israel.

Later this year the "CSIS Act" and the mandate of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service will be up for review. Given the controversies that have arisen during the service's first five years, the review is likely to be lively and wide-ranging. There will be parliamentary hearings, and a conference on "Security and Intelligence Needs for the 1990's" sponsored by the Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies. All of which makes Joseph Ryan's article on the Inspector General of CSIS particularly relevant. The role of the IG is, as Ryan points out, an important one which has not received the attention it deserves. Ryan sheds much-needed light on the office and work of the IG and argues the case for its retention as a useful means for internal review of the security service.

Stuart Farson's survey of intelligence literature is also timely in this regard. As a field of academic inquiry, intelligence studies has experienced significant growth in this decade. It has both contributed to, and developed out of, the expansion of intelligence-related literature. Farson identifies the various categories of literature, analyzes the two major schools of thought (American and British) and the non-traditional schools, and finally, discusses the development of Canadian literature in the field. In his conclusions, he summarizes the major trends in the literature and the implications that flow from them. The issues he identifies make this survey "must read" material for those who intend to contribute to the CSIS review debate.

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I should like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Squiers Hansen for her stalwart service to the Quarterly. Linda joined the team as an Editorial Assistant in 1982, later becoming the Manuscript Editor, and has now decided to step down. Linda has earned the respect of our many authors for her conscientious attention to detail, consistency, and grammatical clarity. At "head office" her cheerful and helpful assistance will be sorely missed. We wish her well in the continuation of her career at the University library.

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# Military Historians Take Note!

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE

## **Clio and Mars: Themes in the Utility of Military History**

4th Annual Conflict Studies Conference

University of New Brunswick

28-29 September 1990

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### CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

## **Redirection: Defending Canada, the Pacific Perspective**

The History Department of the University of Victoria is pleased to announce that a colloquium titled, "Redirection: Defending Canada, the Pacific Perspective", will be held on March 16 and 17, 1990, at the university's Dunsmuir Lodge Conference Centre. This interdisciplinary seminar will involve historians, political scientists, economists, military officers, civil servants, and business people in wide-ranging discussions on Canadian defence and external policy towards the Pacific rim region. In order to encourage in-depth discussion the maximum number of participants will be 35. Paper proposals are now being accepted but must be received no later than 1 September 1989.

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